

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED ACTION )

TERMINATING TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION AND )

CONSOLIDATING TIMBER LAND CLASSIFICATION WITH THE )

DESIGNATED FOREST LAND PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 14- 198

WHEREAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Lewis County Board of Commissioners in the hearing room at 351 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington on July 14, 2014 at or after 10:00 am; and

WHEREAS, public notice of said hearing is required by law;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the purpose of the public hearing is to take public testimony or written comment concerning the termination of the timber land classification and consolidation of the timber land classification with the designated forest land program; and

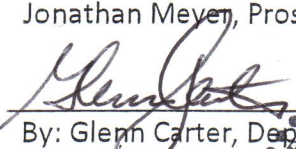
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board is hereby instructed to proceed with all appropriate and necessary notifications, posting and publication as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a hearing is hereby scheduled for July 14, 2014 to take public testimony or written comment on the proposed action of terminating the timber land classification and consolidating timber land classification with the designated forest land program with final Board of County Commissioners action to take place on July 14, 2014 following the public hearing.

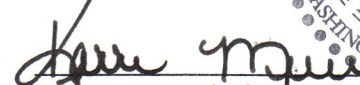
PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION by the Board of County Commissioners, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014.

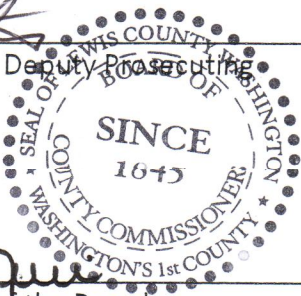
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jonathan Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney

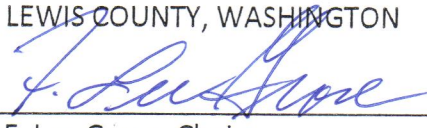
By:    
By: Glenn Carter, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney


ALLIES:

   
Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

   
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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the LEWIS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS will hold a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding the proposed ordinance to merge the timber land classification with the designated forest land program. The hearing will be on July 14, 2014 at the Lewis County Courthouse, commencing at or after 10:00 a.m.

At the hearing, members of the public will be invited to speak and/or provide written statements regarding the proposed Ordinance 1255. After the public testimony portion of the hearing has ended, the Commissioners will deliberate and consider modifications to the ordinance that are proposed by members of the public, county employees, or the Commission. The proposed ordinance may then be adopted with or without modifications.

During the 2014 legislative session, Senate Bill 6180 was passed by the Washington State Legislature which provided the county legislative authority the option to merge its timber land classification with its designated forest land program. Merging the timber land classification with the designated forest land program reduces the administrative workload and reduces the processing burden on the taxpayers.

If approved, any land that has been classified as Lewis County timber land will be designated as forest land under Chapter 84.33; the County Assessor will notify each owner of timber land of the merger by certified mail. If approved, when designated forest land is removed from designation, only compensating tax will be collected in accordance with RCW 84.33.140(12), unless otherwise provided by law. If approved, the effective date will be the following business day after Ordinance 1255 has passed.

All persons wishing to be heard on this matter are encouraged to attend. Written comments may be submitted in advance of the hearing by mail or at the hearing by delivery in person. Please deliver copies of all written comments to Karri Muir, the Clerk of the Lewis County Board of County Commissioners at 351 NW North St, Chehalis, WA 98532.

The draft ordinance is available on line at the Lewis County website at <http://lewiscountywa.gov/assessor>. Hard copies are available to review at the Lewis County Assessor's Office at 351 NW North St., Chehalis, WA 98532 or upon request.

For questions concerning the above, please contact:  
Dianne Dorey, Lewis County Assessor, 360-740-1392.

*This meeting site is barrier free.  
People needing special assistance or accommodations should contact The Commissioners' Office 72 hours in advance of the meeting.  
Phone: (360) 740-1120*

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